

**Amendments to the Claims:**

1. **(Currently Amended)** A modular planter kit comprising:  
a first panel having a first lateral side and a second lateral side;  
a second panel having a first lateral side and a second lateral side;  
a third panel having a first lateral side and a second lateral side;  
a first, temporary fastener that is configured for temporarily attaching said first panel adjacent said second panel so that said second lateral side of said first panel is immediately adjacent said first lateral side of said second panel; and  
a second fastener that is configured for attaching said third panel adjacent said second panel so that said first lateral side of said third panel is immediately adjacent said second lateral side of said second panel, wherein:  
said first temporary fastener comprises a first outwardly extending male fastener portion and a first female fastener portion,  
said first temporary fastener is adapted to removably attach said first panel adjacent said second panel via a frictional engagement between said first male fastener portion and said first female fastener portion,  
said second temporary fastener comprises a second outwardly extending male fastener portion and a second female fastener portion, and  
said second temporary fastener is adapted to removably attach said third panel adjacent said second panel via a frictional engagement between said second male fastener portion and said second female fastener portion.
2. **(Currently Amended)** The modular planter kit of Claim 1, wherein said second fastener is a temporary fastener that is configured for temporarily attaching said third panel adjacent said second panel so that said first lateral side of said third panel is immediately adjacent said second lateral side of said second panel.
3. **(Currently Amended)** The modular planter kit of Claim 1, wherein each of said first, second, and third panels is substantially planar.

4. (Currently Amended) The modular planter kit of Claim 1, wherein:  
~~said first fastener comprises a first portion and a second portion;~~

~~said first portion of said first fastener is adapted to be attached adjacent said first panel;~~

~~said second portion of said first fastener is adapted to be attached adjacent said second panel; and~~

said first fastener is adapted to allow a user to attach said first panel adjacent said second panel by moving said first male portion of said first fastener so that said first male portion of said first fastener slideably engages said second first female portion of said first fastener.

5. (Currently Amended) The modular planter kit of Claim [1] 4, wherein:

~~said second fastener is a temporary fastener;~~

~~said second fastener comprises a first portion and a second portion;~~

~~said first portion of said second fastener is adapted to be attached adjacent said third panel;~~

~~said second portion of said second fastener is adapted to be attached adjacent said second panel; and~~

said second fastener is adapted to allow a user to attach said third panel adjacent said second panel by moving said first second male portion of said second fastener so that it slideably engages said second female portion of said second fastener.

6. (Withdrawn) The modular planter kit of Claim 5, wherein said first fastener is adapted to allow a user to detach said first panel from said second panel by moving said first portion of said first fastener so that it slideably disengages from said second portion of said first fastener.

7. (Withdrawn) The modular planter kit of Claim 6, wherein each of said first, second, and third panels is substantially planar.

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8. (Withdrawn) The modular planter kit of Claim 5, wherein:  
said second portion of said first fastener defines a recess;  
said first portion of said first fastener comprises a hook member; and  
said hook member is adapted to be positioned within said recess and to thereby attach  
said first panel adjacent said second panel.

9. (Currently Amended) The modular planter kit of Claim 1, wherein said modular  
planter kit further comprises:

a fourth panel having a first lateral side and a second lateral side, and  
a third, temporary fastener that is configured for temporarily attaching said fourth panel  
adjacent said third panel so that said first lateral side of said fourth panel is immediately  
adjacent said second lateral side of said third panel, wherein:

said third, temporary fastener comprises a third outwardly extending male  
fastener portion and a third female fastener portion, and

said third temporary fastener is adapted to removably attach said fourth  
panel adjacent said third panel via a frictional engagement between said outwardly  
extending third male fastener portion and said third female fastener portion.

10. (Withdrawn) The modular planter kit of Claim 9, wherein:  
said first, second, third and fourth panels cooperate to form a substantially bottomless  
planter when:

(A) said first fastener is attaching said first panel adjacent said second panel so that said  
second side of said first panel is immediately adjacent said first side of said second panel;

(B) said second fastener is attaching said third panel adjacent said second panel so that  
said first side of said third panel is immediately adjacent said second side of said second panel;  
and

(C) said third fastener is attaching said fourth panel adjacent said third panel so that said  
first side of said fourth panel is immediately adjacent said second side of said third panel.

11. **(Withdrawn)** The modular planter kit of Claim 10, wherein said modular planter kit further comprises:

a fourth, temporary fastener that is configured for temporarily attaching said fourth panel adjacent said first panel so that said second side of said fourth panel is immediately adjacent said first side of said first panel.

12. **(Withdrawn)** The modular planter kit of Claim 11, wherein:

each of said first, second, third, and forth panels is substantially planar; and

said first, second, third, and forth panels form a substantially rectangular planter when:

(A) said first fastener is attaching said first panel adjacent said second panel so that said second side of said first panel is immediately adjacent said first side of said second panel;

(B) said second fastener is attaching said third panel adjacent said second panel so that said first side of said third panel is immediately adjacent said second side of said second panel;

(C) said third fastener is attaching said fourth panel adjacent said third panel so that said first side of said fourth panel is immediately adjacent said second side of said third panel; and

(D) said fourth fastener is attaching said fourth panel adjacent said first panel so that said second side of said fourth panel is immediately adjacent said first side of said first panel.

13. **(Withdrawn)** The modular planter kit of Claim 12, wherein:

each of said first, second, third, and forth panels is substantially planar; and

said first, second, third, and forth panels form a substantially square planter when:

(A) said first fastener is attaching said first panel adjacent said second panel so that said second side of said first panel is immediately adjacent said first side of said second panel;

(B) said second fastener is attaching said third panel adjacent said second panel so that said first side of said third panel is immediately adjacent said second side of said second panel;

(C) said third fastener is attaching said fourth panel adjacent said third panel so that said first side of said fourth panel is immediately adjacent said second side of said third panel; and

(D) said fourth fastener is attaching said fourth panel adjacent said first panel so that said second side of said fourth panel is immediately adjacent said first side of said first panel.

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14. (Withdrawn) The modular planter kit of Claim 9, wherein said modular planter kit further comprises:

a fifth substantially planar panel having a first side and a second side, and

a fourth fastener that is configured for temporarily attaching said fifth panel adjacent said fourth panel so that said first side of said fifth panel is immediately adjacent said second side of said fourth panel.

15. (Original) The modular planter kit of Claim 1, further comprising an anchor that is attached adjacent at least one of said first, second, or third panels, said anchor being adapted to be driven into a supporting surface after said modular planter kit is assembled and positioned on said supporting surface.

16. (Withdrawn) The modular planter kit of Claim 15, wherein said anchor is retractably mounted adjacent said at least one of said first, second or third panels.

17. (Original) The modular planter kit of Claim 1, wherein said modular planter kit is adapted to be assembled so that it substantially surrounds the base of a stationary object that extends into the ground.

18. (Withdrawn) The modular planter kit of Claim 17, wherein said stationary object is a mailbox post.

19. (Original) The modular planter kit of Claim 1, wherein a height of each of said panels is between about 10 and 12 inches.

20. (Original) The modular planter kit of Claim 1, wherein said first, second, and third panels are adapted to be stacked when not in use.

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21. (Currently Amended) ~~The modular planter kit of Claim 1, wherein:~~

A modular planter kit comprising:

a first panel having a first lateral side and a second lateral side;

a second panel having a first lateral side and a second lateral side;

a third panel having a first lateral side and a second lateral side;

a first, temporary fastener that is configured for temporarily attaching said first panel adjacent said second panel so that said second lateral side of said first panel is immediately adjacent said first lateral side of said second panel; and

a second fastener that is configured for attaching said third panel adjacent said second panel so that said first lateral side of said third panel is immediately adjacent said second lateral side of said second panel, wherein:

    said first, second, and third panels are adapted to be positioned adjacent a wall so that (A) said first lateral side of said first panel is immediately adjacent said wall, and (B) said second lateral side of said third panel is immediately adjacent wall; and

    said first panel, said second panel, said third panel, and said wall cooperate to form a substantially rectangular planter.

22. (Withdrawn) The modular planter kit of Claim 21, wherein said first panel, said second panel, said third panel, and said wall cooperate to form a substantially square planter.

23. **(Withdrawn)** A modular planter comprising:

a plurality of planter panels;

a plurality of fasteners that are adapted to allow a user to selectively assemble said plurality of panels around a stationary object so that each of said plurality of panels is attached to another of said plurality of panels to form a barrier that encloses said stationary object, wherein:

said plurality of fasteners are adapted to allow users to selectively attach and detach said plurality of panels by hand and without using tools.

24. **(Withdrawn)** The modular planter of Claim 23, wherein each of said panels is fixedly attached to at least one of said fasteners.

25. **(Withdrawn)** The modular planter of Claim 23, wherein:

said plurality of panels comprises:

a first panel having a first side and a second side;

a second panel having a first side and a second side; and

a third panel having a first side and a second side, and

said plurality of fasteners comprises a first temporary fastener that is configured for temporarily attaching said first panel adjacent said second panel so that said second side of said first panel is immediately adjacent said first side of said second panel.

26. **(Withdrawn)** The modular planter of Claim 25, wherein said plurality of fasteners comprises a second temporary fastener that is configured for temporarily attaching said third panel adjacent said second panel so that said first side of said third panel is immediately adjacent said second side of said second panel.

27. **(Withdrawn)** The modular planter of Claim 26, wherein, said plurality of panels comprises a fourth panel having a first side and a second side; and said plurality of fasteners comprises a third temporary fastener that is configured for temporarily attaching said fourth panel adjacent said third panel so that said first side of said fourth panel is immediately adjacent said second side of said third panel.

28. **(Withdrawn)** The modular planter of Claim 23, wherein said stationary object is a mailbox assembly.

29. **(Withdrawn)** The modular planter of Claim 23, wherein said stationary object is a tent stake.

30. **(Withdrawn)** The modular planter of Claim 23, wherein a height of each of said plurality of panels is between about 10 and 12 inches.

31. **(Withdrawn)** The modular planter of Claim 23, wherein said modular planter is dimensioned so that said plurality of panels may be positioned to at least substantially surround a tree stand supporting a tree and to thereby substantially hide said tree stand from nearby viewers.

32. **(Withdrawn)** The modular planter of Claim 31, wherein at least one of said plurality of panels is a "door panel" that is adapted to be moved between: (A) a closed position in which said door panel cooperates with the other panels in said plurality of panels to substantially hide said tree stand from nearby viewers; and (B) an open position in which said door panel does not cooperate with said other panels in said plurality of panels to substantially hide said tree stand from nearby viewers.

33. **(Withdrawn)** The modular planter of Claim 23, wherein said planter comprises a partial bottom that defines an opening through which the roots of plants within said planter may extend into ground beneath said planter.

34. **(Withdrawn)** A method of preventing users from tripping over a tent stake at an event, said method comprising the steps of:

before said event, assembling a temporary planter around said tent stake so that said planter substantially surrounds said tent stake;

filling said temporary planter with decorative vegetation; and

after said event, disassembling said temporary planter and removing said temporary planter from the proximity of said tent stake.

35. **(Withdrawn)** The method of Claim 34, wherein said temporary planter comprises a plurality of panel assemblies that are adapted to be assembled into said planter substantially without tools.

36. **(Withdrawn)** The method of Claim 35, wherein at least one of said panel assemblies comprises a panel and a temporary fastener that is fixedly attached to said panel.

37. **(Withdrawn)** The method of Claim 35, wherein each of said panel assemblies comprises a panel and a temporary fastener that is fixedly attached to said panel.

38. (Withdrawn) A modular planter kit comprising:

- a front panel having a first side edge and a second side edge;
- a first side panel having a first side edge and a second side edge, said first side panel being pivotably attached so that said first side edge of said first side panel is adjacent said second side edge of said front panel;
- a rear panel having a first side edge and a second side edge;
- a second side panel having a first side edge and a second side edge, said second side panel being pivotably attached so that said first side edge of said second side panel is adjacent said second side edge of said rear panel; and
- a first temporary fastener for temporarily attaching said second side panel adjacent said first side edge of said front panel.

39. (Withdrawn) The modular planter kit of Claim 38, further comprising:

- a second temporary fastener for temporarily attaching said first side panel adjacent said first side edge of said rear panel.

40. (New) The modular planter kit of Claim 1, wherein:

- said first male fastener portion is attached adjacent said first lateral side of said second panel;
- said first female fastener portion is attached adjacent said second lateral side of said first panel;
- said second outwardly extending male fastener portion is attached adjacent said second lateral side of said second panel; and
- said second female fastener portion is attached adjacent said first lateral side of said third panel.

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41. (New) The modular planter kit of Claim 40, wherein:

said first female fastener portion comprises a first slot; and

said first outwardly extending male fastener portion comprises a first hooked male

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